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# FIGHT BOND ISSUE

A Strenuous Campaign by Sylvan Vallev News for Better Roads Results in Political Wrangle.

Editor Noah M. Hollowell of the Sylvan Valley News has plunged into his new paper. In a recent issue of roads and road builder P. F. Patton: Henderson and Buncombe counties last week.

he found exactly what he was seeking. the overwhelming sentiment hereabouts for sand-clay roads.

to the right place to get all the thunder he wanted against sand-clay roads. He informs the News man that he to us that nothing else can mean. consulted Postmaster Bryson and would be well informed on the condition of the roads. Mr. Wood got all the sand-clay information he was looking for, but he didn't have to inform the News that Sam Bryson and Hoke Hudgins have been among Hendersonclay roads. They favored concrete or bitulithic roads and bitterly fought sand-clay. They say sand-clay is a

The rural route men left the impression with Mr. Wood that the roads the movies." were almost impassable and he cays !" he didn't take the pains to travel over

There are six rural routes out of Hendersonville and since the government requires that the same route be not covered twice by the mail carriers during any one day the six mail carriers have to travel insignificant trails, to make up their routes, some of which have not been repaired with sand-

About a year ago when Mr. Hudgins and Mr. Bryson were fighting with all their strength the building of sandclay roads. Mr. Hudgins took the pains to use a good deal of thunder handed out by the road engineer of Buncombe county. By some means Mr. Wood consulted a man building a very expensive road from Asheville to Weaverville who talked up his methods of road building, and there got what he was seeking, information to show that sand-clay was not the stuff.

Commissioner Wood came back with the impression (not the proof) that some of the sand-clay roads in Henderson county were axle-deep in mud; tion than those of Transylvania.

have traveled the roads (rather than go to the Hendersonville postoffice for lent condition.

travel over in a trot.

Commissioner Wood says that he clubs at Raleigh. has not inspected the Henderson counly roads nor has he consulted Engineer Young Thompson himself: Patton, one of the champion road lished in the News on Feb. 4.

# BOY SCOUTS NOTES.

working on their second class tests.

10 M The regular meeting of the troops grass. fect preservation.

second team will be organized.

daily," how about your boy?

fun at Camp Stony this spring and me. summer.

proper conditions.

FAMOUS ACTOR TALKS.

Esterbrook, Movie Actor, Gives Interview on Pictures to Hendersonville People.

Howard Estabrook, noted movie actor spent last Saturday in Hendersonville at which time he appeared at the Queen theater and made a short talk to the patrons of this popular theater. Mr. Estabrook came to Asheville last week from New York for a short stay before he entered upon the duties of assisting in a new serial picture for his company. In an interview Mr Estabrook said:

"I'm glad to meet the moving picture fans in Hendersonville face to face. I came down here from New York just a year ago to make some mountain scenes for a World Film production and after we finished at Asheville a campaign for good roads in Transyl- we went through Hendersonville to in fast all over the South according to ticket offices of the Southern Railway vania county since taking charge of Bat Cave. On our way back I had a little time to wait for a train and had lunch at the Kentucky Home. They his paper he has the following to say served so much to eat that I had to in reference to Henderson county leave half of it on the table, so I came back this time to get the other half. County Commissioners Lyday and Any one who goes away from Ken-Wood made a road inspection tour in tucky Home hungry has an appetite that would make the mammoth cave of Kentucky look as small as Charlie Commissioner Wood made it plain that movies this trip, but I leave for New bling, Bald and the Smokey mountain Deceased Came Here From New York York in the morning to start on a con- up Beetree that made the earthquakes tract for a big new serial picture that said a Swannanoa citizen. "Lots of favor of buying a rock crusher despite will probably make all previous serials people don't know that we have two look like small change. It has the corked up volcanoes in this county, but | Mrs. Marion Lawton, sister of Miss most remarkable serial story I have Commissioner Wood went exactly ever read and it goes deeper than ordinary movie fiction, and makes us wonder what is a soul and what is years when it gets the notion, and the Thursday morning after a lingering God, questions that mean something mountain on Beetree smokes every illness. Mrs. Lawton was a native of

But movies of any kind are a great thing, and they're getting bigger every he will tell you the mountain gives reute men, feeling sure that they minute. I suppose you know that they a smoke when it gets ready." are now the fifth industry in the United States and that \$500,000,000 cani- Abbeville, Feb. 21 .- A distinct earth tal is invested in them. One wonder shock was felt in Abeeville this afterful thing is that towns like Henderson- noon about 6:40, which lasted probably ville can have the big features that therty seconds. The shock was secost thousands to produce brought vere enough to cause ceiling electric before them for ten cents, and then lights to swing in the stores. In Fact ville's two bitterest opponents of sand- there are scenic pictures, educational Pickens the shock was the stronger pictures, literary masterpieces, chil- causing two lamps in one residence t drens stories, and even the whole be thrown from a table. Bible is now being filmed. The old saving, "You can't beat the Dutch" has been changed to you can't heat

FOUNG THOMPSON OF FLAT ROCK PRODUCES A RECORD ON ONE ACRE OF CORN IN COUNTY.

# TO BEAT LAST YEAR

Makes Report to Supervisor of Corn Clubs in Detail; Others Can do This Well by Werking.

Preston Thompson, the thirteen year old school boy of Fiat Rock tells been confined to her bed several how he raised 68 bushels of corn from months and death was not unexpected. getting the unanimous endorsement of that when it comes to dealing with one acre. The story is interesting in that they were in much worse condi- detail and should be a lesson to the many boys on the farm throughout the road building information) and they member of the boys club of Henderreport having found them in excel- son county with only a little effort and time on their part. Prof. R. A. Reed, J. R. Hamlin informs the News that of the Flat Rock school, who by the for the past several weeks he has fre- way is not only one of the county's quently traveled the principal reads leading educators but a real comof Henderson county and didn't find munity worker, has furnished the

The report is as follows as told by

"I got Mr. Stepp to measure off an builders of the South, whose expert acre of land for me. He surveyed Sanday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert opinion of sand-clay roads was pub- 4550 yards for an acre and did not Anders. find his mistake until the attests measured it off and told me about it.

"The soil was a clay loam and is Meredith Freeman, last Sunday. The Scouts are busy preparing for clay subsoil. Last year grass was Rock school in the declamation and their examinations, many having pass- sown on this land and has been farm- recitation contest at the Weaver coled the tenderfoot tests and are now ed as well as I can find out from farm- lege went Monday. The representaers about forty years. The only win- tives were Miss Dorothy Hollingster cover-crop on the land was a sod worth and Mr. Preston Thomposn. up, thus reducing the losses from try in Wyoming, where he acted as a

ell hike when the sites of two old In- about 10 inches and it was in good Prof. Reed went with them to the Flat sist upon," said Mr. Henry in going and was one of the sweet-scented figdian villages were visited. A large condition at time of planting. I Rock station. number of arrow heads and beads planted my corn on May 4th. I do not | The Flat Rock Sunday school is derived from the use of his company's | Telluride strike about eight years ago. Were found, many being in almost per- know the name of the seed corn used. growing very interesting. There was methods, "is that their merchants give It was at that time that the racing The rows were 4 feet apart. The a large attendance last Sunday and them a rating, so that when they ask man knocked him down and kicked Mrs. Williams of Flat Rock will assist plants were about 22 inches apart in several visitors from Tuxedo, East for credit all that is necessary is to re- him all over the fair grounds. A base ball team is being formed drills. I used 100 lbs C. S. meal, 200 Flat Rock Rock and Rev. Marr made fer to the guide. among the Scouts with Harr's Sample Ibs. 10-4, 400 Ibs acid phosphate and a splendid talk on Mutual Helpfulness "There are many persons who are he beat it back to his old stamping as captain. All the Scouts who desire 75 lbs. of nitrate of soda. I had a which all enjoyed.

to try for the teams will give their medium stand and plowed and cultivative accounts, but are neglectful, and when in Wyoming, where he again acted as names and the position to be tried to ted it 5 times. There were no pests Kuykendall's last Thursday evening, they understand that they must be a "cattle detective."

the Captain at once. A first and of diseases that damaged the corn as and will be at Mr. Steve Thomas' next rated they will endeavor to secure the on account of an outbreak of horse I could find or anything that would Thursday evening.

damage the corn. about 25 bushels per acre. My yield

I have carefully selected my seed for until April. next year but it was impossible to Camp Stony means recreation, edu- plant a winter crop, but I hope to | Miss Juno Israel has returned from sued every 60 days in the form of a thieves on the run. Meldrum got Cation, healthful development under make a better yield next year and I a visit of several days at Rutherford- secretary's report, and the rating book did not have quite an acre this year, ton.

PEOPLE TO LEAVE HOMES FOR THE OPEN COUNTRY

# TURNS OVER LAMP

Other Sections of the Country Have night at the court house. Similar Experience; No Very Big Damage Reported Yet.

onds was felt in Hendersonville and comin gto Hendersonville. A large 6:45. The shock was so severe that for distribution. near the Blantyre section than in any no omissions made. other part of the county.

Was it Rumbling? Asheville, Feb. 21 .- "It was old Rum-Rumbling Bald over Hickory Nut Gan

Lamp Thrown From Table.

Anderson, Feb. 21. - An earthque was felt here this afternoon about 6 10 o'clock, There were three was tinct shocks, the second being the most severe. Dishes rattled and walls quivered. The three shocks occupied about one minute's time. No damage has been heard of.

Dishes Rattled.

Windows Rattled.

Chattanooga, Tenn., eb. 21.-Two earth tremors were felt at 5:45 this afternon. The shocks rattled windows and caused excited inquiries as to the cause of the disturbance. Furniture moved about perceptibly and articles ou desks were disturbed in office buildings. Excitement was caused on Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, where the shocks were reported to Lave been of pronounced intensity.

# MRS. LETSON DEAD.

Mrs. Letson wife of Mr. C. Letson died at her home on Ninth avenue, Tuesday morning after a lingering illness of more than a year. She had in the city to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church on Wednesday after-

# FLAT ROCK NEWS.

Mr. Rufus Duncan who has been in Spartanburg S. C., for the past week returned last Sunday. Misses Nellie Thomas, Dolly Jones any at any time that a horse could not Hustler with a duplicate of the report and Marguerite Thomas spent Sunday furnished the supervisor of Boys Corn afternoon with Miss Dollie Brook-

Miss Bell Jones went to Edneyville last Sunday to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Freeman spent

Messrs. Spurgeon Pace, Dock and Mack Morgan took dinner with Mr.

about eight inches in depth and has a The representatives for the Flat Mr. E. R. Pinckney went with them credit. ast Monday afternoon was conducted The land was broken April 6th and the pupils of the High school and

BOARDING HOUSE LIST.

Board of Trade Will Issue Folder Con taining Hotel and Boarding House Information.

To insure listing in the hotel and boarding house folder to be prepared by the Board of Trade and distributed DECIDED SHOCK CAUSED MANY throughout the South, by various means, the manager of a boarding house or hotel must become a member of the Board of Trade before his or her house will be recognized in this publication. This was the ruling made at a meeting of the board Monday

Every year the organization publishes a list of the houses in the city and county and it has been a great An earthquake lasting several sec- hein to the visitor who contemplates number of the lists will be mailed the

many of the residents of the county It is very important that the hotel left their homes and sought the open and boarding house keepers communi-

### MRS. LAWTON PASSES AWAY.

on Oakland Street.

the old folks all know about them, Old Susan V. McCullough, died at the home way cuts loose and rumbels every few of her sister on Oakland street early once in a while. If you don't believe New York state and came here with her the Animas canon to Mile Post 477, to attend the meeting held in their it just ask any Beetree resident and sister about eight years ago for her he will tell you the mountain gives of health. Since living here she improved some but within the past few weeks she grew steadily worse and her death quite a shock to her relatives and known throughout the western coun-

Funeral arrangements have not been Rev. R. N. Willcox will officiate assistceased was a member of the Episcopal church. The body will be shipped to the former home of Mrs. Lawton at Newberg, On-the-Hudson, New York.

MERCHANTS CREDIT RATING COM PANY WILL ISSUE BOOK ON EVERYBODY IN COUNTY.

# WILL STOP DEAD BEATS

Work of Compiling Book Will Begin Just as Soon as Necessary Merchants Sign Agreement,

chants Mercantile Agency, appeared before the Merchants association Wednesday night where he succeeded in of credit ratings;

The system has been in use for the where he knows he can "get away Numbers of people in Transylvania county. What young Thompson has noon, Rev. W. F. Womble officiating, past 26 years and is considered by with it." He never took a sporting done can be repeated by nearly every and interment took place in Oakdale, many leading business men of other cities to be a perfect one. Those who have been approached believe it will is hoping that "Bob" Meldrum will be work satisfactorily here.

ty will be listed in a book to be issued the end of a rope 30 years ago. every two years and will be rated according to their willingness and ability Tom Horn, the dirty coward who murto pay. Each will be put on record as dered poor little 10-year old Willia to the number of places in which he Nickel for a price paid by the cattle trades and how he pays each firm with | barons of Wyoming, when Senator whom he trades, being rated according Warren and his political-railroading to his promptness in settling accounts, ring ruled that state with an iron as "prompt pay," "fair pay," "slow hand. pay," and "no pay."

pay one or two merchants in order to Cheyenne in 1903, after Joe LaFors use them as references to obtain credit tricked him into a narration of his elsewhere, and then fail to pay the countelss dastardly crimes, in the other merchants form the class who hope that by showing that he was a are responsible for the greatest losses | genuine "bad man," he could get a job in the business world. The object of of "killing off" homesteaders in Mon-

show up such persons in their true

Florida Mrs. Brooks will remain ized under this system," Mr. Henry ex- from the town, plained further.

is thus kept up to date

INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THE DESPERADO MELDRUM.

# SON OF LOCAL MAN

by Relatives and Friends in Henderson County.

An interesting account of the life and character of Robert W. Meldrum who is alleged to have shot and killed press dispatches Manday evening at company in leading cities of the South John Bowen, the twenty eight year old son of J. N. Bowen of this city, appeared in the Durango, Col., Demofor protection. The earth sheet is cate with Secretary W. Marshall crat and is produced below. The trial thought to have been felt stronger up Bridges at once, so that there will be of Meldrum, upon the charge of mur- Editor Democrat: der in the first degree, is now in progress and will be watched with inter- announcements regarding rural libraest by the many friends of the deceas- ries in your valued paper? ed who was raised in this county and went West when he was about 21 count of the death of young Bowen lishing a library. several years ago. The following is what the Durango

Democrat has to say: Dr. E. G. Condit of Silverton, wellknown throughout the San Juan Basin arrived in Durango last night, on the committeemen of the districts in which work train, after snowshoeing down these schools are situated are urged

below Cascade Creek. Dr. Condit will leave this morning tant work. for Denver, and thence will go to Rawlins, Wyo., where he will attend the was not altogether unexpected but trial of Robert W. Meldrum, familiarly

try as "Bob" Meldrum. Meldrum faces a charge of first dedefinately made. It is understood that gree murder for having shot and killed "Chick" Bowen, a cowpuncher, on ed by Rev. T. E. Simpson. The de- the streets of Baggs, Wyo, in Carbon county, in January 17, 1913.

Meldrum has for many years been one of the most notorious "gunmen' in the wst. He has been employed by mine operators and cattlemen in several states.

He is recognized as brutal cruel. and merciless. He is said to have killed a number of men, and has shot a great, many others. Although he is a "bad man" when he is packing a couphysical coward and is afraid to fight with his fists. When he was in Telluride, he swaggered around the camp bullying the miners and citizens. But one day, out at tht fair grounds a around, and Meldrum took it like a -4 p. m.

"killer" that Meldrum shines. When three judges. backed by mine operators or cattle-W P. Henry, representing the Mer- men, with accurance of "protection" from weak or crooked district attorneys. Meldrum is tver ready to shoot men without a second's warning. However, it is a matter of record

She leaves a husband and many friends the association for an improved system nen recognized as "deal shots," Meldrum has always slunk away in the back ground. Meldrum always shoots chance in his life.

Everyone in southwestern Colorado hanged. It is general public opinion All individuals and firms of the counthat he should have been swung at

'Meldrum was for years a "pal" of

And Meldrum is of the same stripe, Mr. Henry said that the persons who Tom Horn "got his" in the noose in system to be introduced here is to tona.

"Bob" Meldrum came originally as making it necessary for them to pay a "killer" from the Snake River coun "cattle detective." He was "body per support is given them Henderson-"When the trading public should in- guard" for Bulkley Wells in Telluride, over some of the advantages to be uses imported by the operators in the

After Telluride got too hot for him,

best rating possible and will become thieves in southern Wyoming, Met from a visit of some length in South The play will be given Saturday more prompt in settling their accounts. , drum was brought in and located at Carolina. The Boy Scout is doing a "good turn The average yield in this county is evening at the Flat Rock school house. The book is now published in Baggs the center of the cow-country. the greater part of the United | where he was given the double job was 67 9-28 bushels. Mr. E. L. Per- Mr. C. E. Brooks and daughter, Miss States and is renewed every two years. of deputy sheriff and town marshall, H. R. Letson of Norcross, left Wednes-The Scouts are planning for great kins is the agent but has never visited Lillie, have returned from a visit to In many States every hamlet is organ-drawing \$100 from the county and \$50

The coming of such a notorious Supplements to the guide are is- "killer" as Meldrum put the horse

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D. S. PACE TALKS OF FLORIDA

On a Recent Visit He Finds Conditions Booming; Many Expect to Visit the Mountains Next Summer.

1.00 PER YEAR, IN ADVANCE

'People in Florida are talking aleady of coming to the mountains next summer and some of them expect to visit Hendersonville," said D. S. Pace who has just returned from a trip to several cities in that state.

While in Florida Mr. Pace stopped at Orlando, Miami, Coca, Stewarrs, Boynton, Homestead, Fort Pierce, Kissimee, and Jacksonville. He was attending to private business yet never Case Will be Watched With Interest ; lost an opportunity to speak a good word for Hendersonville. He found business in a fairly properous condition and stated that the business men he talked to felt very encouraged this season after about two years of aimost a failure. The northern tourists have been going to Florida this season in considerable numbers.

### BURAL LIBRARY MEETING CALLED FOR MARCH 9TH.

Will you please make the following

A meeting will be held at Dana school house on Thursday, March 3, years old. The Hustler carried an ac- 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of estab-

Also, a meeting will be held at Reese school house on Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p. m. for the same purpose.

All the people, and especially the district, and take a part in this impor-

THOMAS J. HYDER.

DIAMOND RING CONTEST OF MAX-WELL CASH GROCERY, HAW-KINS & MUTUAL PRINT. CO.

# JOHN BISHOP WINS

ple of big guns, he is a contemptible Special Prize Won for Most Votes During Last Week by John Bishop. Contest Very Close.

John Bishop was the winner of the racehorse man stood Meldrum up in special prize offered for the most votes a big crowd, dared him to "even start secured during the past week by Maxto pull a gun," and then gave him a well Cash Grocery, Hawkins Jewelry wallop on the jaw that knocked him Store and the Mutual Printing Com-20 feet. While Meldrum lay on the pany in the diamond ring contest which ground, the racing man kicked him closes next Tuesday, February 29,

The total votes will not be counted But it is the professional, hired again until the contest closes by the

There are only three in the race: Miss Charlotte Erson. Miss Jane Truex. Mr. John Bishop.

Serenade Mr. and Mrs. Randal.

A large number of the Baracas and Philatheas of the First Baptist church together with several of their friends met at the graded school building Monday night and marched in a body to the home of Mr. T. J. Durham where they serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randal in some proper fashion. The crowd. numbering about 50, with bells, horns, claxons, drums, tin pans and various other noise making instruments, encircled the house and upon a given signai the whole atmosphere was filled with noise.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall came out and extended the entire crowd a most hearty invitation to visit them in their new home. In response R. C. Bennett representing the Baraca and Philaclasses extended to the couple best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life.

# Band Rendered Music.

The Hendersonville Brass Band fürnished music for the Fruitland exercises on the 22nd, and notwithstanding the fact that only eight men went out the music was real good. The boys are going to get right down to work from now till summer and if the proville can have a first class band.

# At the Rest Room.

Coffee and sandwiches will be served at the rest room Saturady the 26. in serving.

Mrs. E. G. Elsom and daughter Miss Elizabeth have returned from an extended visit West.

Mrs. H. F. Fennegan has returned

Dr. and Mrs. Letson of Atlanta, and day, having been called to the city on account of the illness and death of their sister, Mrs. M. C. Letson.

Kinston has about completed her new \$100,000 postoffice building and will move in on the 22 of this month.